



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 2863

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Nghiem
HIROSHI YOSHINO)
: Group Art Unit: 2863
Application No.: 09/699,387)
: Filed: October 31, 2000)
: For: INK JET APPARATUS AND)
: WASTE LIQUID)
: ABSORBING METHOD) February 2, 2004

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to further extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003, a Notice Of Appeal having been timely filed on September 10, 2003, for three months from November 10, 2003 to February 10, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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